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1. EMBASSY TESTED 26 CANDIDATES JANUARY 14, ONE OF WHOM (BOTORAN) WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED AS NOMINEE. ON BASIS OF CRITERIA BELOW, SIX HAD CLEAR PASS, SIX HAD CONDITIONAL PASS, FOUR MINAG CANDIDATES HAD CONDITIONAL PASS AND TEN FAILED. IN EVERY CASE BUT ONE ALL CANDIDATES WHO TOOK INTENSIVE LANGUAGE CLASSES SINCE OCTOBER TEST SHOWED DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT.

2. OUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO CIES ARE MADE WITH DUE REGARD FOR THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECTS INVOLVED (NOT STRICTLY ACADEMIC), A ROUGHLY EVEN DISTRIBUTION OF CANDIDATES AMONG FOUR GOR AGENCIES, AND TACTICAL CONCERNS OF EXCHANGE PROGRAM. THEREFORE, WE HAVE HEAVILY DISCOUNTED ENGLISH USAGE (EU) SECTION OF TEXT WHICH SEEMS MORE APPLICABLE TO FULL-TERM SCHOLARS WHO WOULD BE EXPECTED TO WRITE PAPERS AND TAKE EXAMS IN REGULAR ACADEMIC COURSES.

3. IN LIST OF CANDIDATES BELOW, THE DESIGNATION "CONDITIONAL PASS" MEANS A SCORE JUST BELOW MINIMUM ALIGU STANDARDS DES-
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CRIBED IN REFTEL B, BUT SIFFICIENTLS HIGH IN OUR JUDGMENT TO INDICATE MANAGEABLE LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY. WE SUGGEST THAT CIES RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONAL CANDIDATES ON THAT BASIS AND LEST HOST INSTITUTION BE FINAL JUDGE. ENGLISH TESTS ARE AFTER ALL ONLY ROUGH MEASURE OF INDIVIDUAL SKILLS. ALL CANDIDATES WHO TOOK ONE OR BOTH TESTS ARE INCLUDED IN FOLLOIWNIG LIST.

A. FULL PASS WITH AFFILIATION:

1. DASCALU, NICOLAE (ASPS) - MARYLAND
2. IONESCU, ALEXANDRA (ASPS) - INDIANA
3. OLTEAN, STEFAN (MINED) - CUNY
4. POP, ION (MFT) - HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL
5. TANASE, ALEXANDRU (MINED) - TRINITY
6. ZEGHERU, ION (MFT) - TENNESSEE

B. FULL PASS WITH AFFILIATION:

1. BOTORAN, CONSTANTIN (ASPS) - HISTORIAN AT INSTITUTE FOR HISTORICAL, SOCIAL & POLITICAL STUDIES UNDER PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE - SUBJECT IS-ROMANIAN RELATIONS 1914-1945.
- 2.(HANGA, VLADIMIR (MINED) - SEE REMARKS BELOW
3. LANDAUER, ORTANSA (MINED) - SEE REMARKS BELOW
4. POPESCU, CORINA (ASPS) - VERY HIGH TEST SCORE

C. CONDITIONAL PASS WITH AFFILIATION:
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1. ANTON, GHEORGHE (MFT) - MINNESOTA
2. MACANU, MARIA (ASPS) - MASSACHUSETTS
3. CIUPERCA, IOAN (ASPS) - GEORGETOWN
4. IORDACHE, ION (MINED) - OREGON STATE
5. MAGYARI, EUGEN (MINED) - TEXAS (AUSTIN)
6. IOPESCU, SOFIA (ASPS) - HARVARD LAW

D. CONDITIONAL PASS WITHOUT AFFILIATION

1. MATICHESCHU, OLIMPIU (ASPS)
2. PATRASCU, AMBROZIE (MFT) - OTHER SCORES BELOW

STANDARD, BUT 77 ON ORAL INDICATES HE SHOULD HAVE NO REAL PROBLEMS.

E. MINAG CANDIDATES WITH CONDITIONAL PASS (SEE REMAKRS IN PARA 7 BELOW)

1. BERNATH, IOAN

2. DARJAN, CONSTANTIN

3. ARGHIR, MIHAI

4. FISCHIE, GHEORGHE

F. FAILED CANDIDATES-TOTAL OF 12, ONLY ONE OF WHOME WAS AFFILIATED: PAUN, MARIN - NORTH CAROLINA STATE.

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4. TO AVOID CONFUSION, NOTE THAT OF THOSE CANDIDATES WHO TOOK FIRST TEST IN OCTOBER, FOUR FROM ASPS DID NOT APPEAR FOR JANUARY TEST. ON OTHER HAND, ONE ASPS, ONE MFT AND TWO MINAG CANDIDATES TOOK JANUARY TEST ONLY.

5. AMONG AFFILIATED CANDIDATES WITH CONDITIONAL PASSES, WE RECOMMEND PRIORITY CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN BACANU, MAGYARI AND POPESCU.

6. AMONG UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATES WITH FULL PASSES, THREE MAY HAVE TO BE PROGRAMMED LATER THAN FEBRUARY. HANGA HAS BEEN DESIGNED ROMANIAN REP ON UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE SESSION IN NEW YORK SOMETIME IN MARCH; EMBASSY WILL HAVE RECOMMENDATION LATER BASED ON EXACT DATES AND EXPECTED DURATION OF UN MEETING. DESPITE REQUEST ONE MONTH AGO, MINED HAS STILL NOT PROVIDED RESEARCH PROPOSAL FOR LANDAUER, WHO MUST BE DISREGARDED AS CANDIDATE UNTIL INFO FORTHCOMING. BIODATA AND RESEARCH PROPOSAL FOR NEW CANDIDATE BOTORAN HAS BEEN REQUESTED BUT MAY NOT ARRIVE IN TIME FOR FEBRUARY 9 DEPARTURE.

7. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY SPELLED OUT IMPORTANCE OF GAINING ACCEPTANCE FOR AT LEAST TWO OR THREE MINAG CANDIDATES (REFTEL A AND EARLIER COMMUNICATIONS), WITH CIES CONCURRENCE. ALL FIVE CANDIDATES WHO TOOK BOTH TESTS (TWO TOOK JANUARY TEST ONLY) IMPROVED THEIR OCTOBER SCORES FROM 75 TO 400 PERCENT, WHICH IS GOOD INDICATION OF QUALITY OF MINAG'S INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSE AND MOTIVATION OF CANDIDATES. NONE OF OUR CANDIDATES LISTED IN 3E ABOVE ACHIEVED CONDITIONAL PASS FOR TEST AS WHOLE, BUT ALL FOUR SCORED AT OR NEAR MINIMUM STANDARD IN ORAL SECTION. MINAG INSELF HAS ASSIGNED MISCHIE SECOND PRIORITY AND DARJANTHIRD PRIORITY; FIRST PRIORITY

CANDIDATE GHINEA'S SCORE RULES HIM OUT OF CONSIDERATION.

8. FOR CU/EE PLANNING PURPOSES, MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CANDIDATES WE CAN REALISTICALLY EXPECT CIES TO PLACE FOR FEBRUARY START WOULD BE 17 (SIX PASSED AND AFFILIATED, SIX CONDITIONALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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PASSED AND AFFILIATED, ONE PASSED AND UNAFFILIATED, THREE MINAG CNADIDATES AND POSSIBLY PATRASCU). MINIMUM NUMBER WOULD OF COURSE BE FIRST SIX LISTED ABOVE. ACTUAL NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FALL SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN, AND THAT NUMBER WILL PROBABLY BE FURTHER REDUCED BY DELAYS AND LAST-MINUTE CANCELLATIONS.

9. EMBASSY HAS NOTIFIED THREE MINISTRIES AND ACADEMY OF TEST SCORES, CONFIRMED AFFILIATIONS AND CONDITIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND REQUESTED THAT THEY HAVE THEIR CANDIDATES READY TO LEAVE FEBRUARY 9. REQUEST DEPT CABLE FURTHER CONFIRMED AFFILIATIONS AS SOON AS THEY COME IN SO WE CAN GET AS MANY TO WASHINGTON AS POSSIBLE FOR CIES ORIENTATION.

JQ0. COMPLETE SCORES FROM JANUARY 14 TEST FOLLOW:

CANDIDATE	N	VR	L	ORAN
ANTON, GHEORGHE (MFT)	30	35	42	69
ARGHIR, MIHAI (MINAG)	55	32	45	55
BACANU, MARIA (ASPS)	67	53	42	62
BERNATH, IOAN CORNEL (MINAG)	45	30	42	66
BOBOS, GHEORGHE (MINED)	19	23	42	37
BOTORAN (NEW), CONSTANTIN (ASPS)	30	67	85	71
BRATESCU, GHEORGHE (MINED)	42	52	30	25
CHIRIAC, MIHAI (MINAG)	42	18	37	51
DARJAN, CONSTANTIN (MINAG)	48	27	47	60
DASCALU, NICOLAE (ASPS)	46	57	92	77
DOROBANTU, N. MARIN (MINED)	43	37	35	36
GHINEA, FILIP (MINAG)	31	27	45	42
HANGA, VLADIMIR (MINED)	71	63	55	74
IORDACHE, ION (MINED)	61	57	57	51
IONESCU, MEDEEA ALEXANDRA (ASPS)	67	57	90	59
LANDAUER, ORTANSA MARIA (MINED)	70	57	62	72
MAGYARI, EUGEN (MINED)	49	47	35	75
MATICHESCU, OLIMPIU (ASPS)	34	60	90	46
MISCIE, GHEORGHE (MINAG)	43	23	40	59

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MUSCALU, GRIGORE (MINAG) 42 37 35 46

MATRASCU, AMBROZIE (MFT) 22 38 45 77
PAUN, NARIN (MINED) 49 48 35 21
POP,(89, (MFT) 69 55 85 91
POPESCU, C. GHEORGHE (MINED) 31 40 42 53
TAMAS, N. SERGIU (ASPS) 45 55 52 41
ZAVATI, VICTOR (MINED) 58 48 65 9
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